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SUBJECT: NATO SYG CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT OBAMA ON NOBEL
PEACE PRIZE

11. (U) On October 9, NATO Secretary General Rasmussen issued
a statement congratulating President Obama on winning the
Nobel Peace Prize.

12. (U) The text of the Secretary General's statement (which
can be found on the NATO website) has been reproduced below:

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09 Oct. 2009

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Statement by the NATO Secretary General on the Nobel Peace
Prize

I warmly congratulate President Obama on winning the Nobel
Peace Prize. As the Nobel Committee said, President Obama
has made extraordinary efforts to strengthen international
diplomacy and cooperation between peoples.

He has also demonstrated his strong commitment to help build
peace and defend fundamental human rights, including through
the Atlantic Alliance. This honour is well deserved.

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